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**DCFS PROCUREMENT AUDIT**

This week the Auditor-Controller released serious and disconcerting findings following an audit of the procurement practices of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The recommendations in the report require immediate corrective action. However, it is a very positive sign that, upon gaining indications of long-term irresponsible procurement practices within the Department, one of the first steps that the new DCFS Director promptly took, early in her administration, was to risk transparency by personally initiating the external, neutral audit by the Auditor-Controller. This was to ensure accountability to the County's children and families served by DCFS. Now, DCFS has the tough job of correcting this situation.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directs the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller and the Director of Children and Family Services, to report back in 30 days and quarterly thereafter on:

1. A Corrective Action Plan that addresses the deficiencies identified in Department of Children and Family Services' Procurement section, including, but not limited to, changes in practices and procedures and disciplinary actions taken;
2. Progress in implementing the specific recommendations of the Auditor-Controller's report; and
3. A review of the countywide procurement policy and practices that may lead to or allow the type of deficiencies and wasteful practices revealed by the current audit within any County Department.

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